Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of creating a backup copy of data comprising:

copying contents of a protected area of a first storage device to a user area of the first storage device; and

saving the user area to a second storage device, the user area comprising user accessible contents and the copied contents of the protected area.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

downloading a utility, wherein the utility performs the copying.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the saving the user area further comprises:

saving the user area to the second storage device attached to a backup server.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the saving the user area further comprises:

saving the user area to the second storage device attached to an electronic device, wherein the electronic device is also connected to the first storage device.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

booting to the protected area prior to the copying.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:

rebooting to the user area after the copying and before the saving.

7. (Currently Amended) A ~~signal-bearing~~ machine readable storage medium bearing instructions that ~~when~~ upon being executed comprise:

restoring a protected area directory from a first storage device to a user area of a second storage device; and

copying the protected area directory from the user area of the second storage device to create a backup copy in a protected area of the second storage device.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~signal-bearing~~ machine readable storage medium of claim 7, further comprising:

saving the protected area directory from the second storage device to the first storage device prior to the restoring.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~signal-bearing~~ machine readable storage medium of claim 7, further comprising:

creating the protected area on the second storage device prior to the copying.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~signal-bearing~~ <u>machine readable</u> storage medium of claim 7, further comprising:

> booting to the protected area prior to the copying.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~signal-bearing~~ <u>machine readable</u> storage medium of claim 7, further comprising:

> booting to the user area after the copying.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~signal-bearing~~ <u>machine readable</u> storage medium of claim 7, further comprising:

> downloading a utility, wherein the utility is to perform the copying.

13. (Currently Amended) An electronic device comprising:

> a processor; and

> a storage device, wherein the storage device comprises instructions, which ~~when~~ <u>upon being</u> executed on the processor comprise:

>> determining whether the storage device includes a protected area,

>> ~~when~~ <u>in response to determining that</u> the storage device includes the protected area, booting to the protected area and copying contents of the protected area to a user area of the storage device, and

>> saving <u>a backup copy of</u> the user area to a backup storage device.

14. (Original) The electronic device of claim 13, wherein the instructions further comprise:

    rebooting to the user area prior to saving the user area.

15. (Original) The electronic device of claim 13, further comprising the backup storage device.

16. (Original) The electronic device of claim 13, wherein the instructions are downloaded from a backup server, wherein the backup storage device is connected to the backup server.

17. (Currently Amended) A backup server comprising:

    a backup storage device; and

    a read utility to be downloaded to and executed at an electronic device,

    wherein the read utility is to copy contents of a protected area of a storage device attached to the electronic device to a directory in a user area of the storage device, and wherein the read utility is further to save a backup copy of the directory to the backup storage device.

18. (Original) The backup server of claim 17, wherein the read utility is further to cause the electronic device to boot to the protected area before the copy.

19. (Original) The backup server of claim 17, wherein the read utility is further to cause the electronic device to boot to the user area after the copy and before the save.

20. (Original) The backup server of claim 17, further comprising:

a controller to download the directory from the backup storage device to the user area of the storage device; and

a create utility to be downloaded and executed at the electronic device,

wherein the create utility is to create the protected area on the storage device and copy the directory into the protected area.

21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for booting to a protected area of a storage device;

means for copying contents of the protected area to a user area of the storage device;

means for rebooting to the user area; and

means for saving <u>a backup copy of</u> the user area to a backup storage device.

22. (Canceled)